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## Inorganic and Physical Chemistry

**SCQF:** level 7 (8 SCQF credit points)

**Unit code:** J2BF 77

### Unit outline

The general aim of this Unit is to develop skills of scientific inquiry, investigation, analytical thinking, independent working, and knowledge and understanding of inorganic and physical chemistry. Learners will apply these skills when considering how the applications of inorganic and physical chemistry impact on our lives, as well as on society/the environment. This application and development of skills can be achieved using a variety of approaches, including investigation and problem solving.

The Unit covers the key areas of electromagnetic radiation and atomic spectra, atomic orbitals and electronic configurations and the Periodic table, transition metals, chemical equilibrium, reaction feasibility and kinetics.

Learners will research issues, apply scientific skills and communicate information related to their findings, which will develop skills of scientific literacy.

Learners who complete this Unit will be able to:

- 1 Apply skills of scientific inquiry and draw on knowledge and understanding of the key areas of this Unit to carry out an experiment
- 2 Draw on knowledge and understanding of the key areas of this Unit and apply scientific skills

This Unit is available as a free-standing Unit. The Unit Specification should be read in conjunction with the *Unit Support Notes*, which provide advice and guidance on delivery, assessment approaches and development of skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work. Exemplification of the standards in this Unit is given in the *Unit Assessment Support*.

## Recommended entry

Entry to this Unit is at the discretion of the centre. However, learners would normally be expected to have attained the skills, knowledge and understanding required by one or more of the following or equivalent qualifications and/or experience:

- ◆ Higher Chemistry Course or relevant Units

## Equality and inclusion

This Unit Specification has been designed to ensure that there are no unnecessary barriers to learning or assessment. The individual needs of learners should be taken into account when planning learning experiences, selecting assessment methods or considering alternative evidence. For further information, please refer to the *Unit Support Notes*.

# Standards

## Outcomes and Assessment Standards

### Outcome 1

The learner will:

- 1 Apply skills of scientific inquiry and draw on knowledge and understanding of the key areas of this Unit to carry out an experiment by:**
  - 1.1 Planning/designing an experiment
  - 1.2 Following procedures safely
  - 1.3 Making and recording observations/measurements correctly
  - 1.4 Analysing and presenting results in an appropriate format
  - 1.5 Drawing valid conclusions and giving explanations supported by evidence
  - 1.6 Evaluating experimental procedures with justifications

### Outcome 2

The learner will:

- 2 Draw on knowledge and understanding of the key areas of this Unit and apply scientific skills by:**
  - 2.1 Making accurate statements and giving clear descriptions/explanations
  - 2.2 Solving problems

## Evidence Requirements for the Unit

Assessors should use their professional judgement, subject knowledge and experience, and understanding of their learners, to determine the most appropriate ways to generate evidence and the conditions and contexts in which they are used.

Evidence can be drawn from a variety of sources and presented in a variety of formats. Evidence may be presented for individual Outcomes or gathered for the Unit as a whole through combining assessment holistically in a single activity. If the latter approach is used, it must be clear how the evidence covers each Outcome.

Evidence for Assessment Standard 2.1:

Candidates must be provided with the opportunity to make responses related to each key area. The number of responses should be appropriate to the size of the key area. At least half of the responses should be correct across the key areas.

Evidence for Assessment Standard 2.2:

Candidates must be provided with the opportunity to respond to each problem solving type — making generalisations/predictions, processing information including calculations, as appropriate and analysing information. At least one correct response for each problem solving type is required.

Transfer of evidence:

- ◆ Outcome 1 in this Unit can be used as evidence of the achievement of Outcome 1 in the *Organic Chemistry and Instrumental Analysis* Unit of this Course.
- ◆ Outcome 1 in the *Researching Chemistry* Unit of this Course can be used as evidence of the achievement of Outcome 1 in the *Inorganic and Physical Chemistry* and *Organic Chemistry and Instrumental Analysis* Units of this Course.
- ◆ Assessment Standard 2.2 in this Unit can be used as evidence of the achievement of Assessment Standard 2.2 in the *Organic Chemistry and Instrumental Analysis* Unit of this Course.

Exemplification of assessment is provided in *Unit Assessment Support*. Advice and guidance on possible approaches to assessment is provided in the *Unit Support Notes*.

# Development of skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work

It is expected that learners will develop broad, generic skills through this Unit. The skills that learners will be expected to improve on and develop through the Unit are based on SQA's *Skills Framework: Skills for Learning, Skills for Life and Skills for Work* and drawn from the main skills areas listed below. These must be built into the Unit where there are appropriate opportunities.

## 1 Literacy

1.1 Reading

1.2 Writing

## 2 Numeracy

2.1 Number processes

2.2 Money, time and measurement

2.3 Information handling

## 5 Thinking skills

5.3 Applying

5.4 Analysing and evaluating

5.5 Creating

Amplification of these is given in SQA's *Skills Framework: Skills for Learning, Skills for Life and Skills for Work*. The level of these skills should be at the same SCQF level as the Unit and be consistent with the SCQF level descriptor. Further information on building in skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work is given in the *Unit Support Notes*.

# Administrative information

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## History of changes

Version	Description of change	Authorised by	Date
2.0	Significant changes to Outcomes and Assessment Standards. Significant changes to Evidence Requirements	Qualifications Development Manager	April 2015
3.0	Level changed from AH to SCQF level 7 Unit code updated	Qualifications Manager	July 2019

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